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- 1. The future handling of the 13 American prisoners by Peiping, and, therefore,
  Moscow, will be based on a fairly simple strategy. The surfacing of the 13
  men by Peiping has been designed thus far to arouse the 25X1
  anger of the American public, whose only recourse under the present circumstances
- 2. The Communist leaders in Peiping, undoubtedly in direct consultation with Moscow, calculated that the US would have sufficient strength at the UN to succeed in having the UN take up the US plea for UN good offices to intercede with the Chinese Communists. Such intercession would be welcomed by both Peiping and Moscow because it is, in effect, a de facto recognition of Communist China by the US. After the first UN approaches have been spurned, Communist China's Foreign Office will accept overtures for negotiations.
- 3. The Chinese Communists will thereupon show their "humaneness" by releasing at least the airmen, who have already been "proved" to be spies of the "warmongering American imperialists", and let them return home, possibly even in time for Christmas.
- 4. The cumulative result of this will be favorable world opinion for the Chinese Communists, who will be credited only with what is normally expected of a free-

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